Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Has not the Hon'ble Member for Medicine been able to see very many patients lying exposed in the verandah of the hospital?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* I have noticed that there are patients on the verandah. But that is nothing very unusual. Even in the General Hospital it is so.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* There is provision only for 32 beds. That is why I stress this point.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* I have already explained to this House, Sir, that Vadakkanchri Hospital has received considerable attention at the hands of the Government and it will certainly continue to receive the same attention. But it is not possible to extend the Vadakkancheri Hospital sufficiently to accommodate 62 patients. After the war when materials are available it may be possible. There are other difficulties also.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Is the difficulty, Sir, due to want of space for extension?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Partly that.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* What are the other causes, please?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Water supply. It is very difficult.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether the Hospital at the headquarters of the taluk can expect immediate attention at least after the war?

Mr. President: I don't think any member sitting on the Government Benches have the right to say as to what may happen after the war.

C. C. 126/119 OF TALAPPALLI MAGISTRATE'S COURT—DEPOSITION OF PROSECUTION WITNESS

195. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

whether the judgment in C. C. 126/119, Talappalli Magistrate's Court and the depositions of the Prosecution witness, *viz.*, the District Registrar Mr. P. G. Gopala Kurup and the Division Inspector of Police Mr. Innocent Pappali have been brought to their notice?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know how the case ended?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* The accused was acquitted.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether the procecution witnesses, one a Division Inspector, and the other a District Registrar were both disbelieved by the trial court?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* No. They were not disbelieved.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Then what is the ground of acquittal if it is not the non-belief of the prosecution witnesses?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* The Magistrate in the preliminary trial found that there was a good prima facie case and framed charges. But in the final trial the accused was acquitted.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Is there not an observation in the judgment that the prosecution witnesses, could not be believed?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* There is mention regarding the District Registrar but not about the Division Inspector.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Is there not an observation that the investigation conducted in the case was belated and was not satisfactory.

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* It is not said that the investigation was not satisfactory.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Was any explanation for the belated enquiry taken from the investigating officer concerned.

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* The delay was due to the fact that the Division Inspector had to go to the spot from Trichur.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether the Hon'ble Member for Police was satisfied with this explanation of distance between the investigating spot and the headquarters of the investigating officer?

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Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: Yes.

Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur-South)*: Was there not an Inspector there?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: There was a Sub-Inspector.

Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur-South)*: Did he conduct any enquiry?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: What was the extent of the delay?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: He went to the spot on the third day of the occurrence.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: The records will show otherwise.

ARTICLES IN THE SAHODARAN, DATED 16TH SEPTEMBER 1944

196. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government have noted the following articles in the "Sahodaran", dated 16th September 1944;

(*i*) വഴികൾ തടയാനുള്ള ശ്രമം;

(*ii*) പോലീസ്സ്കമ്മീഷണരുടെ ശ്രദ്ധക്ക്;

(*iii*) അധഃകൃതമർദ്ദനം;

(*b*) whether they will be pleased to inform the action taken if they have made enquiries about the allegations contained in these articles;

(*c*) whether they will be pleased to inform the House the villages in the State where attempts are being made to obstruct roads, lanes and other public thoroughfares used hitherto by all castes and creeds from their using the same in future?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) (*i*) and (*ii*) There was no scope for any action.

(*iii*) Contains three allegations.—

1. that a member of the depressed classes was assaulted at Vilvattom;
2. that some Sambavas were insulted by the same persons on the same day and
3. that a Depressed Class man who is a teacher has been prohibited from using the public road and entering the local tobacco shop.

Regarding 1 a case is pending trial, allegation No. 2 was found to be groundless and No. 3 was exaggerated in that there was only an exchange of words between the teacher and the shop-keeper.

(*c*) Government are not aware of any such attempts.

Mr C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: With regard to No. 3 it is said that there was only an exchange of words between the teacher and shop-keeper. May I know, what sorts of words were used?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: Some words may be repeated. Some may not be repeated here.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Does the Hon'ble Member know, that the words used are obscene words?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: It may be so.

Mr. K. T. Achyutan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: Was the teacher obstructed on the public road at Eroor by the Police Constable?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: There was not exactly an obstruction.

Mr. K. T. Achyutan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: What was it then?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: Mere passing through the road was not taken serious objection to. Loitering about the tank when people are bathing is objectionable.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Is there no wall for the tank to prevent the public from sight-seeing when people bathe?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: There is no wall.

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